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Letter dated 5 January 2009 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1842 (2008) concerning Côte d'Ivoire. By paragraph 10 of the resolution, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts until 31 October 2009 and requested me to take the necessary administrative measures.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire, I have appointed the following fifth expert to serve on the Group of Experts until 31 October 2009:

Joel Hernando Salek, Colombia (finance).

The Group is now at its full strength of five members.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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